

Late Start Thursdays



BCS Lower School Late Start Reminder and Additional Information 2019-2020

As announced in the June Lower School newsletter to parents, we are implementing a Thursday late start for the 2019-2020 school year for our campus. We want to share some reminders and some updated information about our late start program.

Overview:

As you may know, for many years the BCS Upper School has implemented a late start on Thursday mornings to allow teachers to have much needed professional development time. After several years of careful review, we will be implementing a late start on the Lower School Campus as well for the 2019-2020 school year. This late start will provide much needed professional development, collaboration, and training time for our Faculty and Staff to better serve our students and carry out and improve our instructional program. This will also allow extra time needed to prepare for our upcoming accreditation process.

Each Thursday, we will begin our day at 8:45 AM. Teachers will report to work at 7:10 am and will have one hour of weekly professional development time. We will have early care for students starting at 6:45 am until 8:15 am. A small fee will be charged for students who need care from 6:45 am-7:20 am. No fees will be charged for students arriving between 7:20 am and 8:15am. The carpool line on "late start day" will begin at 8:15 am and it will run until 8:45 am.

We will make changes to our instructional program on Thursdays to support this delayed schedule. It should be noted that, although we are adding this professional development time to our week, we will still have several professional development days throughout the school year. This extended inservice time is necessary for training and development that requires extra time or involves outside trainers and presenters. While we are losing some instructional time each week during this 45 minute delay, we believe this time will be well used to provide additional training and growth for teachers that will greatly benefit students in the long run.

A few questions you may have...

Who will keep the students in Early Care? We will use PE Staff, Aides, and other staff members to help with the students participating in the early care program.

What will students who need early care be doing during this time? Students arriving between 6:45 am-7:30 will be supervised in the gym as they normally do each day. At 7:30 we will divide up students by

grade levels and they will be moved to classrooms to participate in various activities as part of our EARLY BIRD program.. Activities may vary depending on when a child arrives on Thursdays. For example, if your child arrives at 8:00, they may not get to do all of the activities we have planned for that Thursday. As students arrive, they will join in with the current activity being carried out in their Early Bird class.

Where should I drop off my child for the Early Bird Program? Any student arriving between 6:45 am and 8:10 am should be dropped off at side carpool at the gym lobby door. We will have a teacher there to greet your child and get them where they need to go. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE. Use the side carpool, gym lobby drop off area. If you arrive on campus at 8:10 am, you will need to plan to do the regular carpool line for the day.

When will carpool begin on Thursdays? We will begin carpool at 8:15 am on Thursday mornings. Safety Patrol members are asked to report to the Lion Lobby on Thursdays at 8:10 to get carpool instructions/assignments. Safety Patrol students who may already be on campus for the Early Bird program will be dismissed at 8:10 to report to the Lion Lobby to begin Safety Patrol service.

Will the shuttle bus still run? Yes, the shuttles will run as usual on Thursday mornings. We will run the shuttle buses at the same time as we normally do each day. Departure time for the buses will be shared with you if you are signed up to ride the shuttle bus. Once the shuttle bus students arrive on our campus from the upper school campus, they will be directed to their Early Bird classes.

When we will begin the late start Thursday? We will start the late start day the very first Thursday of the school year, August 15, 2019.

What are the fees for this service? Students who arrive between 6:45 am and 7:20 will be charged the monthly fee that we use for our regular early care service:

\$12.00 (1-2 days per month per family)

\$20.00 (3-5 days per month per family)

Students arriving after 7:20 will not be charged a fee for the Early Bird program.

Who will coordinate the late start Early Bird program? This program will be coordinated by our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Laura Cloud. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Laura Cloud. (lcloud@bcsk12.org)

Do I need to sign up for the Early Bird late start Thursday program? If you now that your child will be a “regular” in the Thursday Early Bird program, we do ask that you sign them up on by completing the Thursday Early Bird Sign up form. This will help us get an idea of how many students will be participating in the program each Thursday and assist us with program planning.

If I don't sign up for the program, could I ever drop my child off early on Thursdays if I need to do so? Yes! We will accept drop in's on Thursday late start days. Just follow the guidelines listed above for drop off.



**Early Bird Program
Late Start Thursday Student Sign Up Form
BCS Lower School**

Child's name who will be participating in the Early Bird program on Thursday mornings. You may list more than one child.

Child's name:	Grade Level:	Approximate Time of Arrival:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____